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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ALLEN et al.

Application: STORAGE AREA NETWORK MANAGEMENT AND CONFIGURATION  
METHOD AND APPARATUS VIA ENABLING IN-BAND  
COMMUNICATIONS

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PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants request an automatic extension of time for one month through April 11, 2005 for filing a Response responsive to the Advisory Actions mailed March 11 and March 25, 2005. The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge the one month extension of time fee of \$120.00 and any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with the filing of the above-referred Response to

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